

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHARLES BURTON RITCHIE,

Defendant.

2:20-CR-163-APG-EJY

**Preliminary Order of Forfeiture**

This Court finds Charles Burton Ritchie pled guilty to Count Two of a Three-Count Indictment charging him with to knowingly engage and attempt to engage, in monetary transactions by, through, and to financial institutions, affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in criminally derived property of a value greater than \$10,000 in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1957 and 1956(h). Indictment, ECF No. \_\_; Plea Agreement, ECF No. \_\_; Change of Plea, ECF No. \_\_.

This Court finds Charles Burton Ritchie agreed to the forfeiture of the property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment. Indictment ECF No. \_\_; Plea Agreement, ECF No. \_\_; Change of Plea, ECF No. \_\_.

This Court finds, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(1) and (b)(2), the United States of America has shown the requisite nexus between property set forth in the Plea Agreement and the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment and the offense to which Charles Burton Ritchie pled guilty.

The following property is any property, real or personal, involved in violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1957 and 1956(h), or any property traceable to such property, and is subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 982(a)(1):

- 1           1. the proceeds from the sale of Ritchie's 2013 LX570 Lexus,  
2           VIN JTJHY7AX4D4110626;
- 3           2. the proceeds from the sale of Ritchie's residence located at 14 Marilyn  
4           Court, Park City, Utah 84060;
- 5           3. the \$12,818.47 (more or less) in United States currency paid by Ritchie  
6           to Ehrenfield Insurance Company in connection with ZenBio  
7 (all of which constitutes property).

8           This Court finds that on the government's motion, the court may at any time enter  
9 an order of forfeiture or amend an existing order of forfeiture to include subsequently  
10 located property or substitute property pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e) and  
11 32.2(b)(2)(C).

12          This Court finds the United States of America is now entitled to, and should,  
13 reduce the aforementioned property to the possession of the United States of America.

14          NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND  
15 DECREED that the United States of America should seize the aforementioned property.

16          IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED all possessory  
17 rights, ownership rights, and all rights, titles, and interests of Charles Burton Ritchie in the  
18 aforementioned property are forfeited and are vested in the United States of America and  
19 shall be safely held by the United States of America until further order of the Court.

20          IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the United States  
21 of America shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official internet  
22 government forfeiture website, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), notice of this Order, which shall  
23 describe the forfeited property, state the time under the applicable statute when a petition  
24 contesting the forfeiture must be filed, and state the name and contact information for the  
25 government attorney to be served with the petition, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(6)  
26 and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2).

27          IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that any  
28 individual or entity who claims an interest in the aforementioned property must file a

1 petition for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the  
2 property, which petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury pursuant  
3 to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(3) and 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and shall set forth the nature and extent of  
4 the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts  
5 supporting the petitioner's petition and the relief sought.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a petition, if any,  
7 must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, 333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas,  
8 Nevada 89101, no later than thirty (30) days after the notice is sent or, if direct notice was  
9 not sent, no later than sixty (60) days after the first day of the publication on the official  
10 internet government forfeiture site, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov).

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED a copy of the  
12 petition, if any, shall be served upon the Asset Forfeiture Attorney of the United States  
13 Attorney's Office at the following address at the time of filing:

14 Daniel D. Hollingsworth  
15 Assistant United States Attorney  
16 James A. Blum  
17 Assistant United States Attorney  
18 501 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Suite 1100  
19 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED the notice  
21 described herein need not be published in the event a Declaration of Forfeiture is issued by  
22 the appropriate agency following publication of notice of seizure and intent to  
23 administratively forfeit the above-described property.

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Clerk  
25 send copies of this Order to all counsel of record.

26 DATED August 20, 2020.

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ANDREW P. GORDON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the foregoing was served upon counsel of record via Electronic Filing on August 10, 2020.

/s/ Heidi L. Skillin  
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FSA Contractor Paralegal